

F: TRUMAN, H. S.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Items of Intelligence Interest in book, Mr. Citizen, by Harry S. Truman, Bernard Geis Associates, 1960, Pp. 315.

1. On page 265 there is the following specific mention of CIA:  
The reason that led me to set up the Central Intelligence Agency was to make sure that all the vast amount of information available to the different departments of the government would be coordinated and made immediately available to the President--without being edited or interpreted by any one department.
2. On page 234 he referred to omission of material in his memoirs for reasons of security. The material is now under seal in the Truman Library and will be available after a suitable number of years.
3. Beginning page 285, he reprints his column published before the Bermuda Conference in March 1957. In this he comments on Communist attempts at subversion in the Middle East, Germany, Africa, and Southeast Asia.
4. On page 304 in his comments in October 1959 on Khrushchev disarmament proposals, he struck a similar note:  
I would urge that we be alert to developments in the trouble spots of Europe and Asia to make certain that we are not led to misjudge the true facts or permit the Communists to misunderstand exactly what we are prepared to do.

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